

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1134

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Shelia Newland on being named the Greeneville City Schools Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education and learning environments for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Shelia Newland is one such estimable individual, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the principal of Highland Elementary School, Ms. Newland was recently named the Greeneville City Schools Principal of the Year, a most befitting honor for her tenure as principal, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking the helm at Highland Elementary, Principal Newland served as a classroom teacher for twenty-two years; she has served for nine years as a principal, five of those years as principal of Highland Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, her thirty-one years of experience in education includes four years as principal of Abraham Lincoln Elementary School in Kingsport and eleven years as a teacher in international schools in Kuwait, Lesotho, and Eritrea; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newland has also been a Tennessee Core Coach and served as an adjunct faculty member for Tusculum University; and

WHEREAS, Shelia Newland holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from East Tennessee State University, a master's degree in English as a second language from the College of New Jersey, and an educational specialist degree in administration and supervision from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Shelia Newland is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newland truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Highland Elementary School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newland epitomizes the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Shelia Newland upon being named the Greeneville City Schools Principal of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the students and schools of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.